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THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE IS FROM AMBASSADOR GEORGE BUSH
AND IS TO BE PASSED TO DIRECTOR WILLIAM COLBY;

"DEAR BILL:

I HAVE THE UTMOST RESPECT FOR THE JOB YOU HAVE BEEN
DOING,

I HAVE NOT YET BEEN FULLY ADVISED ON MATTERS OF TIMING,
BUT NEEDLESS TO SAY, IF YOU ARE AGREEABLE, I WOULD APPRECIATE
ENORMOUSLY THE CHANCE TO HAVE SOME GOOD LONG CHATS WITH YOU.
I AM COMING INTO THIS POST AT A TIME THAT COULD BE LESS
DIFFICULT, BUT I REALIZE FULL WELL THAT WITHOUT YOUR ENDLESS
MONTHS OF SELFLESS SERVICE THE JOB I AM ABOUT TO ENTER WOULD
BE ONE HELL OF A LOT ROUGHER,

I WILL TRY AND TO LIVE UP TO THE HIGH STANDARD OF
DECENCY AND EXCELLENCE YOU HAVE SET FOR THIS JOB AND FOR THE
AGENCY,

GOOD LUCK IN THE FUTURE. HOPE TO SEE YOU SOON.

Succession
DCI/Colby ~~SECRET~~

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SINCERELY,

GEORGE"

